



TO: CT Appropriations Committee
Connecticut General Assembly

SUBJECT: Restore Full Funding to the Community Investment Act (CIA)

DATE: April 20, 2015

We are writing you today to restore full funding to the Community Investment Act (CIA). The Governor's Deficiency Bill includes cuts and fund diversions from the CIA to pay the state's bills. The CIA revenue has a dedicated source originating as local real estate recording fees at the municipal level. The funds should not be reallocated to pay the state's bills. The Deficiency Bill would devastate conservation and the state's goal of preserving 21 percent of the land in Connecticut by 2023.

We are counting on the General Assembly to uphold the state's commitment to the citizens of CT to retain open space for our quality of life, natural resources and clean water at the same time providing good economic policy.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan C. Murray".

Susan C. Murray
Director, on behalf of Hartland Land Trust